

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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April 2, 2012

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Ruth Blake, Robert Dunphy, Eleanor Ketchum, Scott LeHay, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:05.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated March 19, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #7 totaling \$43,759.36. (3-0)
- 4 **Executive Session (Non-Public) for Employment Examination per M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A):**
  - 4.1 C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) to move back up to Agenda item 4 pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A). (3-0) No official motion was made to enter executive session. BOS entered executive session at 19:15. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> –W. McLaughlin) to come out of executive session. (3-0) BOS out of executive session at 19:46.
- 5 **Appointments & Resignations:**
  - 5.1 **Appeals Board Members:** C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to appoint Scott LeHay as an Appeals Board member.
  - 5.2 **Recreation Director:** C. Taylor stated no applications had been received. Tabled until next meeting.
- 6 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 6.1 **E-911 –**
    - 6.1.1 E. Ketchum showed the BOS the street signs that had been returned to her. She stated that she was going to slide the brackets on the signs up so they could be reused. She added that a little bit, approximately ¾ inch, of each sign. C. Taylor asked for her recommendation. E. Ketchum stated she felt the town should reuse them. She said that she would try to salvage the brackets, but didn't have many left. M. Witham offered to pick up an order for her when he had to go to Bangor to get posts.
    - 6.1.2 C. Taylor asked how they drove the poles. E. Ketchum said they drove in a 4-foot piece, and then bolted on an 8-foot piece.
    - 6.1.3 She stated that now that the frost was out, they could start putting the signs back on.
    - 6.1.4 E. Pratt stated that the sign at the Fahi Pond and Cross Town Roads intersection had been gone forever. E. Ketchum replied that someone had hit it with either a snowplow or grader last fall.
  - 6.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –** No Report.
  - 6.3 **Animal Control –** No Report.
  - 6.4 **Board of Assessors –**No Report
  - 6.5 **Planning Board –** L. Mayo said everything was good.
  - 6.6 **Plumbing Inspector –** L. Mayo stated there was not much going on
  - 6.7 **Board of Appeals –** No Report.
  - 6.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –**
    - 6.8.1 R. Dunphy stated there were four, maybe five applicants.
    - 6.8.2 He said he had a meeting with DEP the next morning at 09:00. He added that they would also look at the Roosevelt property. He said that it would be coming up to the Planning Board soon.
    - 6.8.3 He said he had received a complaint from Mrs. Benes that a Planning Board member was driving into her driveway every day. C. Taylor replied that it was a civil matter; she should call the police. R.

Dunphy stated it would look bad for the town if it went to court. He said that she claimed Myles Durkin was harassing her, and she had told R. Dunphy that she had videos. W. McLaughlin replied, "I have a hard time believing that." C. Taylor said, "Before it escalates, tell her to call the cops. You are the CEO, not a police officer."

**6.9 Health Officer** – E. Pratt asked if there had been any Lyme ticks in Embden. R. Dunphy stated none had been reported to him. He added that some had been found in Anson, but he hadn't heard of any this spring.

**6.10 Road Commissioner** –

- 6.10.1** C. Taylor asked when the posted signs would come down. M. Witham stated the required date was May 15<sup>th</sup>. He said he might pull them as early as April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.10.2** M. Witham stated it was springtime, and muddy. He added that the Station and Mill Roads were pretty soft. He said the grader was ready to go, but he wanted to let the roads dry up a little more first.
- 6.10.3** He stated he would probably try to get to the Hancock Pond Road this week.
- 6.10.4** He said they had trimmed trees on the Bert Berry Road. He said they had finally found the town's pole saw. He said it was at PJs garage. He added they had used Eric Creamer's chipper at the same cost as getting one from Eagle Rental.
- 6.10.5** M. Witham stated he had gone to Pike Industries in Sydney for some expensive cold patch, but was waiting for it to dry up some more.
- 6.10.6** He said he had held off on the street sweeping so far because last year we got a snow storm in April. He said he hated to sweep then have the sand put back on it. He stated he would do the town office, boat landing, and the roads.
- 6.10.7** He said he had gone to get the pipe for the dock and found hypodermic needles on the dock sections.
- 6.10.8** He said L&W Concrete in Norridgewock had contacted him because he had seen the newspaper article about repairing the dam.

**6.11 M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.

- 6.11.1** B. Baker stated MDI would stay the way it was. E. Pratt stated that Shawn Cyrway and Paula Rae had been the only 2 to vote against it. W. McLaughlin added that 2 teachers had resigned.

**6.12 Recreational Director** – No Report.

- 6.12.1** C. Taylor said that there was carry over for W. Witham until a new director could be found.
- 6.12.2** C. Taylor stated that W. Witham had asked the town to donate \$500 to Skip Rough for a camera for basketball. He explained that when a person shoots, it would take a picture. He said the entire cost was \$6,000. E. Pratt stated that she had been at a budget meeting and thought it had been funded there. C. Taylor said he thought they should wait and see if the school board had funded it. E. Pratt added that the school board was donating money to it, and Tammy Murray from Anson Rec. was giving money too.
- 6.12.3** C. Taylor stated he didn't know if W. Witham had any plans for baseball. E. Pratt said she thought S.Cyrway was going to do something. She said the parents had enjoyed having the games at the Community Center because there was food available.

**6.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

- 6.13.1** B. Baker stated the donee application for State Surplus needed to be renewed. BOS completed.
- 6.13.2** She said they needed to start looking into a TAN.
- 6.13.3** She stated there were still 7 unlicensed dogs in the town, and the ACO was working on them.
- 6.13.4** She said that there were still 3 foreclosable accounts that owed for 2009 taxes; plus 1 that was in bankruptcy; and 1 that was for a trailer only, but the trailer had been removed in 2010.
- 6.13.5** She said that there were 38 lienied accounts that had a balance due for 2010. She stated she was interested in offering a shortened (6-9 month) tax club for these people to help them get caught up on their older taxes. She added that once an individual entered into a tax club, the account would stop accruing interest on that year. She said that most towns only did tax clubs for the current year, and she did not know whether it was allowable for the lienied taxes without a town meeting vote. E. Pratt said that she would call MMA and look into it.
- 6.13.6** B. Baker stated that she had received a FOAA request for a copy of the ECC lease, but she still had not received a copy of the lease. C. Taylor asked R. Blake to give B. Baker a copy.
- 6.13.7** She said she would submit a list of foreclosures at the next BOS meeting.

**6.14 Registrar of Voters:**

- 6.14.1** C. Taylor asked B. Baker to find results from a Special Town Meeting when the 2004 Shore land zoning ordinance had been accepted.
- 6.14.2** B. Baker said she had nothing to report at this time.

**6.15 Tax Collector:**

- 6.15.1** R. Blake said she had a report from the last meeting that showed \$113,772.06 still outstanding. She added that \$14,724.64 had come in since the last meeting.
- 6.15.2** M. Witham asked whether the ATV stickers were in yet. R. Blake said she didn't think so.

## **6.16 Community Center –**

- 6.16.1** W. McLaughlin stated they had a good time last Saturday night with Borderline Express. He added that they had a fair crowd, and no problems. He said the only complaint was that the music was “awfully loud.”
- 6.16.2** He said the following events were coming: the next supper on April 14<sup>th</sup>; a flea market/craft fair on April 21<sup>st</sup>; and a 50s & 60s band on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.16.3** He stated that Raymond Young was now the president, Ramona McLaughlin was the Vice President, Lori Creamer was the Secretary, and Ruth Blake was the Treasurer.
- 6.16.4** C. Taylor asked about projects. W. McLaughlin replied that they had no idea on the cost of other things. He said R. Young had mentioned the wall on this side of the building, new windows, & a furnace. E. Pratt stated the town already had 2 big projects. C. Taylor replied that they did, but could not use that as a crutch to not do what needs to be done.
- 6.16.5** W. McLaughlin stated James Lightbody was going to do the mowing at the Community Center and the Town Office. He said he would get a hold of him. M. Witham asked if he would be doing the sand shed as well. He added that William Atwood had been doing it for years without asking for any pay or recognition. C. Taylor stated he would talk to him.
- 6.16.6** M. Witham asked if the BOS wanted his crew to sweep the dirt up on the grass. W. McLaughlin said yes, at the Town Office and the Community Center, as well as the Community Center parking lot.

## **6.17 Emergency Management Directors – R. Dunphy said he hadn’t heard anything yet.**

### **7 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 7.1** C. Taylor stated he had gotten another quote on the bats of \$4,000. He said the contractor had told him it needed to be done within the next couple of weeks because once the pups were in there it would be mid-summer before anything could be done. He said that they needed to decide whether they could fund this, or the Historical Society could pay it and the town reimburses them. E. Pratt said that if they wanted this to keep being a historic building, they didn’t want to just slap something in. R. Dunphy said he would bring them the code book on doing historic buildings. C. Taylor said someone had already used spray foam downstairs, but Modern Pest Service would use black foam that would look just like a shadow. W. McLaughlin said he had spoken to Larry Witham. E. Pratt asked if they could do something if they got a reply while C. Taylor was gone. C. Taylor replied, “Absolutely.”
- 7.2** C. Taylor stated they needed to get a lock box for keys, change the door code, and re-key the outside doors. E. Pratt stated they should have a key box that was wired to the alarm so that if it were pulled off the wall it would set off the alarm.
- 7.3** C. Taylor asked if R. Dunphy still had a town laptop. R. Dunphy stated he had turned it back in. C. Taylor asked, “To whom? Is it here?” R. Dunphy stated the Assessors had it. C. Taylor stated he could use the Selectpersons’ computer for now. B. Baker stated she would set him up with his own password and log-in.
- 7.4** W. McLaughlin asked R. Blake whether the Technician had told her that her computer needed more memory. R. Blake replied that he had said it was slow because it needed more memory.

### **8 Old Business:**

- 8.1 Town of Embden Policies:** None

### **9 New Business:** None

### **10 Correspondence:**

- 10.1** BOS processed Concealed Weapons permit.

### **11 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**

- 11.1 Open Public Forum:** None.

### **12 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME§405):** None

### **13 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

- 13.1** Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, April 16, 2012.

- 13.2** Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup>- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:48.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*